

# Medway Queen



## Engineers' Dept wagons

New wagons in support of the Medway Queen have been commissioned for 2018 in both N and 00 gauges. They continue the theme of wagons that might have been worked to Gillingham Pier had there been a rail link and, as can be seen in the photographs, they honour the small band of dedicated volunteers who give up their spare time to work on our ship. Their current project is to make the interior of the vessel suitable as a function venue to enable a revenue stream to be established. This work centers on the upper aft saloon where the bench seats are being re-instated and a bulkhead installed to separate the saloon from the rest of the ship. The work has to meet current safety regulations while retaining the essential character of a 1920s excursion steamer. Come down to Gillingham Pier and see what we are doing – and buy your wagons in person! The Ship and her Visitor Centre on Gillingham Pier are open on Saturdays from 11am to 4pm (last admissions 3pm).

The N gauge wagons, available in dark red and dark blue liveries, have now been received from Dapol and are on sale with immediate effect. The colours are inspired by the badges depicting the “Invicta” white horse on Medway Queen’s funnel. The price has been held at £11-75 per wagon and they will be on sale as detailed below. UK P&P is £3-30 per order.

For 00 Gauge modellers a 7-plank wagon to the same design, available in green or grey body colour, was commissioned from Dapol and delivered ahead of schedule in February. The initial launch was lower key than usual because of an impending house move (which is now complete). The price of the 00 models has also been held, at £12-75 per wagon. Again, UK P&P is £3-30 per order.

All wagons will be available from Medway Queen’s Reading Support Group at the Bristol Model Engineering Exhibition (Thornbury in August), The International N Gauge Show (Warwickshire in September) and other events attended by the group. They can be bought in person at the Ship and her Visitor Centre on Gillingham Pier or you can order by post from Richard Halton. Please note that the contact details for Richard and for Reading Support Group have changed. Email is now [richardhalton1502@gmail.com](mailto:richardhalton1502@gmail.com). Postal address 2 Drury Close, Hook, Wootton Bassett. SN4 8EL. An order form is available on [www.medwayqueen/reading-group-sales.html](http://www.medwayqueen/reading-group-sales.html) or you can write to us at this address. Cheques payable to “R. Halton” please. All proceeds from sale of these models are passed to the Medway Queen Preservation Society to fund further restoration of the aft saloon.

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